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Designating April 7 through 13, 1991, as "National County Government Week".

Whereas county government is the oldest form of local government in the United States;

Whereas 98 percent of the Nation's population reside in counties;

Whereas county governments employed over 1,900,000 people and spent almost \$103,000,000,000 last year to provide a wide range of services for the benefit of the people of the United States;

Whereas county governments are often the last available resource for providing emergency and long-term services for the poor, the homeless, immigrants, refugees, the disadvantaged, and other segments of society;

Whereas county governments own and operate 1,000 health care facilities and over 2,000 health departments;

Whereas almost 1,200 counties are now managed by appointed administrators or elected executives;

Whereas over the last 30 years county governments have assumed increasing responsibility for the administration and financing of health, welfare, justice, transportation, housing, and community development programs; and

Whereas county governments have also been assigned a greater role in solving area wide problems dealing with air pollution, water pollution, solid waste disposal, airports, transit systems, regional parks, and other issues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of April 7 through 13, 1991, is designated as "National County Government Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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